**Memorize this!**

After you study the two vowel rule (the vowels have the sounds of their alphabet names) and the one vowel rule (the vowels have relative sounds), you can work out the pronunciation of the vowels in many short words. Just use the following short rhyme to memorize the sounds of the vowels for each rule.

If vowels are 2, the sounds are A, E, I, O, U

If only one, think “B**a**d m**e**n w**i**th sh**o**tg**u**ns.”

Work out the sounds of these new words with a partner. Say each one a couple of times. All follow the one vowel or two vowel rule. Remember that the rules work mostly in the **stressed** syllable of two syllable words. The unstressed vowel probably sounds like /ә/.

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| Mane  Prune  Sot  Stash  Mitt  Keel  Fret  Slat  Slate  Hull  Bud | Trope  Foal  Fuse  In**clude**  Al**lude**  A**bide**  Im**pale**  **Cei**ling  **Eve**ning  **Knel**ling  **Flit**ting | **Swotting**  **Rai**ling  A**bate**  A**stute**  Re**fute**  De**pose**  A**rose**  Ac**cost**  **Chest**nut  **Cat**nip  **Tan**tric |